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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, IT, LY  
SUBJ: GOI URGES PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN DUSTUP

1. ON JULY 25 GOI'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS URGENTLY  
INSTRUCTED ITALIAN AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO AND TRIPOLI  
TO CONVEY AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVELS IN THE EGYPTAIN  
AND LIBYAN GOVERNMENTS, ON PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
FONMIN FORLANI, THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT  
IN REGARD TO THE LIBYAN/EGYPTIAN SITUATION. AMBASSADORS  
WERE ALSO TO NOTE THAT FONMIN HAD INSTRUCTED THEM TO  
PURSUE EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY AIMED AT FACILITATING  
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THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT.

2. A SIMILAR MESSAGE WAS DIRECTED THROUGH GOI EMBASSY  
CAIRO TO ARAB LEAGUE, EXPRESSING ITALY'S HOPE, "AS A  
MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN PEACEFUL  
CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN ALL THE COOUNTRIES OF THE AREA",  
THAT THE ACTION OF THE LEAGUE AND OTHER ARAB PERSONALITIES

MIGHT SOON LEAD TO CESSATION OF THE CONFLICT.

3. FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAIRO AND TRIPOLI WERE COPIED FOR INFO TO ITALIAN EMBASSIES IN ALGIERS, DAMASCUS, KUWAIT, TUNIS AND JIDDA, WITH REQUEST THAT ITALIAN AMBASSADORS OR CHARGES EXPRESS TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS ITALIAN SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR EFFORTS TO STOP THE FIGHTING.

4. MFA PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING FOREGOING DEMARCHES IN CAIRO AND TRIPOLI WAS MISINTERPRETED BY CORRIERE DELLA SERA AS COMPRISING AN ITALIAN OFFER TO ACT AS MEDIATOR. HOWEVER, MFA'S OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AFRICA AND ME, ATTOLICO, TOLD EMBOFF THERE HAD BEEN NO QUESTION OF MEDIATION SINCE A) ARAB STATES WERE ALREADY IN ACTION, B) NEITHER PARTY HAD ASKED ITALIAN INTERCESSION AND C) SADAT WOULD,THAVE LIKED THE IDEA. GOI INITIATIVE HAD ARISEN WITH EITHER FORLANI OR ANDREOTTI (ATTOLICO WASN'T SURE), WHO FELT ITALY "OUGHT TO DO SOMETHING". OUTCOME WAS ITALIAN PLEA MODELLED ON ITALIAN ACTION LAST YEAR IN LEBANON, CALLING ON BOTH SIDES TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY NON-BELLIGERENT METHODS. HOLMES

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